Aid to Sikh terrorists by China

*44. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:† SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that China is giving training to the Sikh terrorists;

(b) whether Government have sent any protest to China ; and

(c) if so, what reply has been received ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) to (c) There have been some press reports that China has been aiding the cause of Sikh terrorists. However, there is no confirmation in this regard. The Chinese Government have also stated on 19th March, 1986 that "reports carried by a few foreign newspapers about Sikh terrorists of India receiving assistance from China are surely a false rumour and not worth refuting".

SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA : Sir, it is good that the honourable Minister has trusted the Chinese Government when they have denied this and have said that they are doing no such thing. But from this arises another question. Now, Sir, a news item appeared in the "Statesman" from sources in the USA on the basis of an article written by a gentleman who has now become quite notorious for running a camp in Alabama for training terrorists, international terrorists, including Sikh extremists as well. Now, it is this gentleman who has made this allegation. What steps has the Government of India taken to make a representation to the Government of the USA against this gentleman who, in order to cover up his own criminal activities, is making all sorts of unfounded allegations ?

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Indradeep Sinha.

SHRI K. MOHANAN : Is he a gentleman ?

SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN: Sir, the honourable Member has said that he is glad that we have trusted the Chinese Government. We have certainly trust friendly Governments. But we are also vigilant at the same time.

Sir, with regard to the question of representation, we have taken up with the US Government the question of Frank Camper running such a school in the United States for training terrorists who indulge in activities against India too. On that issue we have already made representations to the U.S. Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Second supplementary, Mr. Sinha.

SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA : Sir, ...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Unfortunately, second is over. The question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Confidential reports of Government Employees

*45. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Time ripe for major administrative reforms" appearing in the Times of India of 23rd March, 1986; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to treat expunged adverse confidential reports as highly favourable to the affected officer in the mentioned new type of confidential reports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present practice is to treat expunged remarks as non-existent and the same will be followed even after the Annual Confidential Report in the new format comes into force.

Delay in extradition of Charles Shobraj to Thailand

*46. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased be state :

(a) what are the reasons for delay of Charles Shobraj to Thailand in spite of the repeated demands of the Thailand Government; and

(b) by when he is likely to be extradited to Thailand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The request from the Government of Thailand for the extradition of Charles Shobraj is being processed under the Indian Extradition Act, 1962. It is not possible to indicate precisely when this process will be completed in view of the legal intricacies involved.

Grounding of AN-32 fleet of the Air Force

*47. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT :
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to ground the fleet of AN-32 aircraft of Indian Air Force till the causes of the recent accidents are determined ;

(b) whether there have been complaints by the pilots regarding vibrations and noise in the cockpit of AN 32 aircraft ; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is a system in the IAF under which IAF Personnel can complain about any potential flight safety hazard. No such complaints regarding high noise level or abnormal vibrations in the cockpit of the AN-32 aricraft have been received.

(c) Does not arise.

Complaints regarding contract Labour System—in the Bharat Electronics Limited, Ghaziabad

*48. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations/complaints regarding contract labour system continuing in the Bharat Electronics Limited, Ghaziabad;

(b) if so, what is the nature of complaints;

(c) whether Government have taken any action thereon;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if the reply to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.